TOP RECORDS OF 1970

(Based on Billboard's Charts)

The information compiled for the Top Records of 1970 is based on the weekly chart positioning and length of time records were on the respective charts from the Billboard issue dates of January 3 through November 28, 1970. These recaps, as well as the weekly charts, do not reflect actual sales figures. The ratings take into account the number of weeks the disk was on the chart, plus the weekly positions it held during its chart life. Each disk was given points accordingly for its respective chart, and in addition, the No. 1 disk each week was assigned bonus points equal to the total number of positions on its respective chart. These recaps were compiled by the staff of the Billboard Popularity Charts Department, under the direction of Andy Tomko.

HOT 100 SINGLES

Pos. TITLE—Artist (Label)

1. **BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER**—Simon & Garfunkel (Columbia)
2. **(They Long To Be) CLOSE TO YOU**—Carpenters (A&M)
3. **AMERICAN WOMAN/NO SUGAR TONIGHT**—Guess Who (RCA)
4. **RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN' ON MY HEAD**—B. J. Thomas (Scepter)
5. **WAR**—Edwin Starr (Gordy)
6. **AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH**—Diana Ross (Motown)
7. **I'LL BE THERE**—Jackson 5 (Motown)
8. **GET READY**—Rare Earth (Rare Earth)
9. **LET IT BE**—Beatles (Apple)
10. **BAND OF GOLD**—Freda Payne (Invictus)
11. **MAMA TOLD ME (Not to Come)**—Three Dog Night (Dunhill)
12. **EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL**—Ray Stevens (Barnaby)
13. **MAKE IT WITH YOU**—Bread (Elektra)
14. **HITCHIN' A RIDE**—Vanity Fare (Page One)
15. **ABC**—Jackson 5 (Motown)
16. **THE LOVE YOU SAVE/I FOUND THAT GIRL**—Jackson 5 (Motown)
17. **CRACKLIN' ROSIE**—Neil Diamond (Uni)
18. **CANDIDA**—Dawn (Bell)
19. **THANK YOU (Falletin Me Be Mice Elf Agin)/EVERYBODY IS A STAR**—Sly & the Family Stone (Epic)
20. **SPILL THE WINE**—Eric Burden & War (MGM)
21. **OOH CHILD/DEAR PRUDENCE**—Five Stairsteps (Buddah)
22. **SPIRIT IN THE SKY**—Norman Greenbaum (Reprise)
23. **LAY DOWN (Candles in the Rain)**—Melanie With the Edwin Hawkins Singers (Buddah)
24. **BALL OF CONFUSION (That's What the World Is Today)**—Temptations (Gordy)
25. **LOVE ON A TWO WAY STREET**—Moments (Stang)
26. **ALL RIGHT NOW**—Free (A&M)
27. **WHICH WAY YOU GOING BILLY?**—Poppy Family (London)
28. **I WANT YOU BACK**—Jackson 5 (Motown)
29. **JULIE, DO YA LOVE ME**—Bobby Sherman (Metromedia)
30. **GREEN-EYED LADY**—Sugarloaf (Liberty)
31. **SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED (I'm Yours)**—Stevie Wonder (Tamla)
32. **RIDE CAPTAIN RIDE**—Blues Image (Atco)
33. **VENUS**—Shocking Blue (Colossus)
34. **INSTANT KARMA (We All Shine On)**—John Ono Lennon (Apple)
35. **PATCHES**—Clarence Carter (Atlantic)
36. **LOOKIN' OUT MY BACK DOOR/LONG AS I CAN SEE THE LIGHT**—Creedence Clearwater Revival (Fantasy)
37. **RAINY NIGHT IN GEORGIA**—Brook Benton (Cotillion)
38. **SOMETHING'S BURNING**—Kenny Rogers & the First Edition (Reprise)
39. **GIVE ME JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME**—Chairmen of the Board (Invictus)
40. **LOVE GROWS (Where My Rosemary Goes)**—Edison Lighthouse (Bell)
41. **LONG AND WINDING ROAD/FOR YOU BLUE**—Beatles (Apple)
42. **SNOWBIRD**—Anne Murray (Capitol)
43. **REFLECTIONS OF MY LIFE**—Marmalade (London)
44. **HEY THERE LONELY GIRL**—Eddie Holman (ABC)
45. **THE RAPPER**—Jaggerz (Kama Sutra)
46. **HE AIN'T HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER**—Hollies (Epic)
47. **TIGHTER, TIGHTER**—Alive 'N Kickin' (Roulette)
48. **COME AND GET IT**—Badfinger (Apple)
49. **CECELIA**—Simon & Garfunkel (Columbia)
50. **LOVE LAND**—Charles Wright & the Watts 103rd Street Rhythm Band (Warner Bros.)
51. **TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME**—Tyrone Davis (Dakar)
52. **LOLA**—Kinks (Reprise)
53. **IN THE SUMMERTIME**—Mungo Jerry (Janus)
54. **INDIANA WANTS ME**—R. Dean Taylor (Rare Earth)
55. **(I KNOW) I'M LOSING YOU**—Rare Earth (Rare Earth)
56. **EASY COME, EASY GO**—Bobby Sherman (Metromedia)
57. **EXPRESS YOURSELF**—Charles Wright & the Watts 103rd Street Rhythm Band (Warner Bros.)
58. **STILL WATER (Love)**—Four Tops (Motown)
59. **MAKE ME SMILE**—Chicago (Columbia)
60. **HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN**—Frijid Pink (Parrot)
61. **25 OR 6 TO 4**—Chicago (Columbia)
62. **MY BABY LOVES LOVIN'**—White Plains (Deram)
63. **LOVE OR LET ME BE LONELY**—Friends of Distinction (RCA)
64. **UNITED WE STAND**—Brotherhood of Man (Deram)
65. **WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN**—Carpenters (A&M)
66. **ARIZONA**—Mark Lindsay (Columbia)
67. **FIRE AND RAIN**—James Taylor (Warner Bros.)
68. **GROOVY SITUATION**—Gene Chandler (Mercury)
69. **EVIL WAYS**—Santana (Columbia)
70. **NO TIME**—Guess Who (RCA)
71. **DIDN'T I (Blow Your Mind This Time)**—Delfonics (Philly Groove)
72. **THE WONDER OF YOU/MAMA LIKED THE ROSES**—Elvis Presley (RCA)
73. **UP AROUND THE BEND/RUN THROUGH THE JUNGLE**—Creedence Clearwater Revival (Fantasy)
74. **(IF YOU LET ME MAKE LOVE TO YOU THEN) WHY CAN'T I TOUCH YOU**—Ronnie Dyson Columbia)
75. **I JUST CAN'T HELP BELIEVING**—B. J. Thomas (Scepter)
76. **IT'S A SHAME**—Spinners (V.I.P.)
77. **FOR THE LOVE OF HIM**—Bobbi Martin (United Artists)
78. **MISSISSIPPI QUEEN**—Mountain (Windfall)
79. **I WANT TO TAKE YOU HIGHER**—Ike & Tina Turner & the Ikettes (Liberty)
80. **THE LETTER**—Joe Cocker (A&M)
81. **MA BELLE AMIE**—Tee Set (Colossus)
82. **THE BELLS**—Originals (Soul)
83. **YELLOW RIVER**—Christie (Epic)
84. **SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPING**—100 Proof Aged in Soul (Hot Wax)
85. **VEHICLE**—Ides of March (Warner Bros.)
86. **GIMME DAT DING**—Pipkins (Capitol)
87. **LAY A LITTLE LOVIN' ON ME**—Robin McNamara (Steed)
88. **UP THE LADDER TO THE ROOF**—Supremes (Motown)
89. **TRAVELIN' BAND/WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN**—Creedence Clearwater Revival (Fantasy)
90. **COME SATURDAY MORNING**—Sandpipers (A&M)
91. **PSYCHEDELIC SHACK**—Temptations (Gordy)
92. **WITHOUT LOVE (There Is Nothing)**—Tom Jones (Parrot)
93. **ARE YOU READY?**—Pacific Gas & Electric (Columbia)
94. **WOODSTOCK**—Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (Atlantic)
95. **I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN**—Dionne Warwick (Scepter)
96. **LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO MY SONG, MA**—New Seekers Featuring Eve Graham (Elektra)
97. **WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES**—Joe South (Capitol)
98. **THE THRILL IS GONE**—B. B. King (BluesWay)
99. **IT'S ONLY MAKE BELIEVE**—Glen Campbell (Capitol)
100. **CALL ME**—Aretha Franklin (Atlantic)
New Seekers Featuring Eva Graham (Elektra)

COUNTRY SINGLES

Pos. TITLE—Artist (Label)

1. **HELLO DARLIN'**—Conway Twitty (Decca)
2. **FOR THE GOOD TIMES/GRAZIN' IN GREENER PASTURES**—Ray Price (Columbia)
3. **TENNESSEE BIRDWALK**—Jack Blanchard & Misty Morgan (Wayside)
4. **DON'T KEEP ME HANGIN' ON**—Sonny James (Capitol)
5. **IS ANYBODY GOIN' TO SAN ANTONE?**—Charley Pride (RCA)
6. **WONDER COULD I LIVE THERE ANYMORE**—Charley Pride (RCA)
7. **IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME**—Sonny James (Capitol)
8. **MY LOVE**—Sonny James (Capitol)
9. **FIGHTIN' SIDE OF ME**—Merle Haggard & the Strangers (Capitol)
10. **HE LOVES ME ALL THE WAY**—Tammy Wynette (Epic)
11. **MY WOMAN, MY WOMAN, MY WIFE**—Marty Robbins (Columbia)
12. **THERE MUST BE MORE TO LOVE THAN THIS**—Jerry Lee Lewis (Mercury)
13. **ALL FOR THE LOVE OF SUNSHINE**—Hank Williams Jr. (MGM)
14. **SUNDAY MORNING COMING DOWN**—Johnny Cash (Columbia)
15. **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN**—Billy Walker (MGM)
16. **POOL SHARK**—Dave Dudley (Mercury)
17. **A WEEK IN A COUNTY JAIL**—Tom T. Hall (Mercury)
18. **I DO MY SWINGING AT HOME**—David Houston (Epic)

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